

Remarks

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Biagini for courtesies extended during the telephone interview on Feb. 3, 2011 with Applicant's representative.

Claims 1, 3, 14, 16, 42-45, 47, 48, 51-54, and 58 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 14, 42-45, 48, 51-54 and 58 have been amended in various particulars as indicated hereinabove. No new matter has been added to the claims.

Claim 48 was objected to because the limitation "a second network domain" was introduced twice. This objection is overcome by amendment to the claim.

Claims 1, 3, 14, 16, 42, 43, 47, 51, and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malan et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0032871) in view of Poletto et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0032880), and further in view of Katoh et al. (US Patent No. 5,949,757), Li et al. (US Patent No. 5,473,599), and Ko et al. (US Patent No. 6,789,202).

Claims 44 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malan et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0032871) in view of Poletto et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0032880), and further in view of Katoh et al. (US Patent No. 5,949,757), Li et al. (US Patent No. 5,473,599), Ko et al. (US Patent No. 6,789,202), and Carr (US Patent No. 5,293,379).

Claims 45 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malan et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0032871) in view of Poletto et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0032880), and further in view of Katoh et al. (US Patent No. 5,949,757), Li et al. (US Patent No. 5,473,599), Ko et al. (US Patent No. 6,789,202), and Galloway (US Patent No. 5,430,709).

Claim 48 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malan et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0032871) in view of Ko et al. (US Patent No. 6,789,202).

Claim 58 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malan et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0032871) in view of Poletto et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0032880),

and further in view of Katoh et al. (US Patent No. 5,949,757) and Ko et al. (US Patent No. 6,789,202).

Each of the above 103 rejections is traversed in view of the amendments to the claims. Specifically each of the independent claims has been amended to include language similar to claim 1, where

“[t]he first network domain is sourcing undesirable network traffic, including network traffic sourced directly out of the first network domain and *also including network traffic sourced originally from third parties and subsequently going through the first network domain* to the first routing device...”

This language is supported in the specification on page 12, lines 11-15.

It is believed that none of the applied references, Malan, Poletto, Katoh, Li, Ko, Galloway or Carr discloses this feature, thus the present application is in condition for allowance.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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